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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: LWIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES—
DECEMBER 14, 2001

The minutes and revised agenda from the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) Advisory Committee conference call on Friday, December 14, 2001, are attached for your review and information. Please ensure that the minutes are provided to the appropriate staff.

If you have any questions regarding the minutes, please contact James W. Scholl, at (916) 657-4610.

/S/ BILL BURKE
Chief

Attachments

LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA ADVISORY
COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL
Friday, December 14, 2001

Agenda

10:00 a.m.	Welcome/Agenda Update/Hot Topics	Bill Burke, Workforce Investment Division (WID)
10:15 a.m.	Rescission/Expenditure Concerns	All
10:45 a.m.	California Workforce Investment Board (CalWIB) Update	David Militzer, (CalWIB)
11:00 a.m.	Performance Negotiations	Liz Clingman, WID
11:20 a.m.	Customer Satisfaction	Liz Clingman, WID
11:40 a.m.	Planning the January Quarterly Meeting	All
11:50 a.m.	Open Discussion	All
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

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Friday, December 14, 2001

Welcome/Hot Topics—Bill Burke, WID

- Sharing Financial Data with the California Workforce Association (CWA)—Virginia Hamilton indicated that CWA receives requests from Legislators for financial information. The Advisory Group unanimously agreed that the State could release their financial and participant data to CWA.
- Technology to Teacher Initiative—The Governor announced an initiative for those individuals in the high tech industry who want to transition to become math teachers, science teachers, or information officers for school districts. We are working with the Secretary of Education and local school districts' teacher recruitment centers. There is \$1.6 million of 25 percent funding set aside for this initiative. Any Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) can apply to fund individuals who have lost their high tech jobs. These individuals are required to have a bachelor's degree and the top priority goes to math and science majors. We are also opening it up to incumbent workers in high tech who want to make a career change. There is a small amount of 15 percent funding available for the incumbent workers. An information bulletin will soon be released to explain the process for applying for these funds.
- One-Stop Report—The report was generated from the One-Stop survey. We appreciate that the LWIA community was extremely responsive on this survey. We recently received final approval to release the report. The report will be available in late December/early January 2002.
- Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Web Site—As of December 10, the ETPL is now maintained by the State Web site, www.edd.ca.gov/emptran.htm. Bill Burke expressed appreciation for Jan Vogel's efforts in maintaining the ETPL temporary Web site.

Performance Negotiations- Liz Clingman, WID

By the end of December, Liz Clingman and Ron Teel will have negotiated local performance measures with a majority of the LWIAs for both 2001-02 and 2002-03. Information Bulletin WIAB01-27 outlines the renegotiation process.

Even though the Department of Labor's (DOL) Training Employment Guidance Letter has not yet been released, the State still is confident that DOL will renegotiate performance standards for both 2001-02 and 2002-03. The State's goal is to complete

the process with the LWIA's in January and we hope to be able to start the negotiation process with DOL soon thereafter.

Customer Satisfaction—Liz Clingman, WID

Cindy Hobart indicated that her staff has completed the site visits and evaluation of the five potential vendors to perform customer satisfaction. She is preparing a vendor recommendation and hopes to have the vendor on board in early 2002. We expect to draw monthly samples for both participant and employer satisfaction in December and January.

Rescission/Expenditure Concerns—All

The rescission has not been withdrawn at the congressional level. If Congress does not act, Secretary of Labor Chao will need to implement the rescission. The current estimate is that a state's dislocated worker allocation will be reduced approximately 14 percent of each dollar that was unexpended as of June 30, 2001. Part of the problem in some local areas is a lack of an accurate accrual accounting system. The DOL is requiring California to develop a corrective action plan to ensure that expenditures will be coming in at appropriate levels. While obligations are higher than expenditures, most LWIAs have not fully obligated all of their Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds.

As part of developing the corrective action plan, the Regional Advisors will be putting together local data sheets to verify/confirm the expenditure and obligations with each LWIA. The data sheets will be out by December 21. We will need a coordinated effort with both State and local level partners. Armando Quiroz wants to address the LWIA Administrators on this issue at the January CWA meeting.

California Workforce Investment Board (CalWIB) Update—David Militzer, CalWIB

The December 6 State Board meeting included the following items:

1. Beyond September 11: Adapting to New Realities in Uncertain Times;
2. Consideration and Approval of Annual Report to the Department of Labor;
3. Ratification of the State Youth Council Membership; and
4. Status of Temporary Redesignation for Local Areas and Recertification of Local Boards.

The approved Annual Report can be accessed on the CalWIB Web site, www.calwia.org/. The new State Youth Council will hold its first meeting in late January 2002. The Governor's Office will soon issue a press release that identifies the State Youth Council membership. Dave Mar will establish a workgroup that will recommend to the State Board the criteria for redesignation for Local Areas and recertification of Local Boards.

Planning the January 4th Quarterly Meeting-All

- California Workforce Investment Board Update
- Rescission Planning
- Expenditure Concerns and Planning with Armando Quiroz, Department of Labor
- Technology to Teachers Project
- Performance Negotiations
- Economic Stimulus Package